

To: Renewable Advisory Board

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Subject: Update

The following is the October monthly update for the Renewable Energy Fund:

1. Think Energy – The presentations for the college and university workshop from Think Energy are being circulated with this Update. The workshop is being held on November 13 and so far there are 18 registered participants. Mark Crowdis will be submitting a revised plan for the work to be performed under his new \$50,000 grant. The work plan will be discussed at the November meeting. In the meantime, Mark is working with several RECA members towards an aggregated purchase of RECs and with a URI faculty and student group investigating a wind installation.
2. CESA dues – Lew Milford of CESA sent out a communication regarding CESA dues for next year: CESA hopes it will be able to continue year #2 (2004) at the same funding levels that were assessed for this first year (2003). In terms of invoicing, CESA expects to submit invoices to the Funds in March 2004 and hopes to receive payments not later than June 2004.
3. Smartpower – A proposal for RI outreach is being circulated with this Update. Brian Keane will present the proposal at the October meeting.
4. Berkshire Wind – The developer has the building permit ready to file. When the permit application is filed, the town has 30 days to issue, and then the developer has 6 months to commence construction. The developer is reluctant to file until he sees whether the production tax credit (PTC) is extended. Also, the developer has proposed a very attractive offer to the MA Fund under the GPPP program for the MA Fund to purchase RECs from the project in years 6-15. This MA GPPP funding is important to the project.
5. Audobon – A proposal from the Audubon Society for grant funding for outreach activities is attached. Please review for discussion at the October meeting.
6. Green Power Marketers GreenUp Ballot Design and Outreach – A meeting was held on October 1 to discuss changes to the GreenUp ballot and bill stuffer and outreach activities to support GreenUp. Narragansett is working on a new ballot and bill stuffer design that will reflect what the discussion during the meeting. When they are drafted, Narragansett will circulate and a second meeting will be held on November

18 to discuss them. In addition, a subcommittee was formed to devise an outreach strategy (utilizing Fund support) to publicize the GreenUp program.

7. Wind RFI – The three projects that show the most promise are the Town of Portsmouth, Johnson and Wales University (J&W) and Raytheon (although Raytheon seems less committed than the other two right now). A meeting has been scheduled by the Portsmouth Town Council to hear a presentation by the Fund on October 7. J&W needs to get management approval in order to start moving ahead with the project. This will most likely require an indication of the Fund's commitment to the project. Similarly, Raytheon needs to obtain approval from management at the RI facility in order to proceed, which may require a commitment from the Fund.
8. GreenUp Hearing – Several representatives from the Fund, including myself, attended the GreenUp hearing on Friday, October 3.
9. PV RFP – Proposals received:
  - a. Gordon Research Center: \$120,639; 15.7 kW AC (GRC installed a 5 kW system in 2002 with a \$50,000 grant from the Fund. The additional PV would be installed at the same location.)
  - b. Roger Williams University: \$72,576; 10.4 kW AC (RWU received a 2 kW system from Narragansett Electric a few years ago which is currently not operating, but will be restored with the installation of the new system.)
  - c. Conservation Group Services/BJs (Middletown, RI) - \$58,320; 13 kW AC (This site has 50 kW which was installed in 1999 with Fund support.)

Three members of the subcommittee discussed the proposals in a conference call on October 10 and will recommend that the Advisory Board approve all 3 projects with some modifications to each.